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Letter dated 3 May 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit an outline of the position of the Republic of Belarus with regard to some claims made during the discussion by the Security Council on 28 April 2016 of the situation in Ukraine.

I kindly request your assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andrei **Dapkiunas**

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The position of the Republic of Belarus regarding settlement of the Ukrainian conflict has always been based on creating an enabling environment for all participants in the negotiating process.

Minsk, which is fully contributing to the work of the Trilateral Contact Group and its working subgroups, is providing the necessary conditions for the unimpeded entry and safety of the participants.

In that context, Belarus considers it unacceptable for Ukrainian politicians, including at the United Nations, to circulate statements and comments alleging that Ms. Iryna Gerashchenko, First Deputy Chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, encountered difficulties entering the Republic of Belarus on 26-27 April 2016.

Belarus emphasizes that this information is untrue. Ms. Gerashchenko is free to enter the Republic of Belarus without restrictions.

We believe it is counterproductive for Ukraine to intentionally create a conflict situation and to knowingly spread inaccurate reports that Ms. Gerashchenko had difficulties entering the Republic of Belarus. Such actions have a negative impact on the negotiating process to resolve the Ukrainian crisis.

The Republic of Belarus reiterates its willingness to provide the necessary assistance for the negotiations to be conducted in Minsk and calls on all participants in the negotiating process to cooperate constructively and respectfully on the emerging issues.